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LET'S KNOW THE FACTS

IF there is a concerted move on the part of persons whose identities still seem to be rather hazy to intimidate Americans who want to talk anti-Communism, let's know all about it at once.

Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina who recently had a sharp passage-at-arms with Secretary McNamara, insists there are efforts to stop speakers who warn against the Red Menace.

"I brought this to the attention of the public in a news conference on July 21," Thurmond says in a recent release, "and with a series of speeches on the Senate floor dating from July 26 to the present time. In the July 26 speech I outlined and documented a concerted campaign to discredit, intimidate and muzzle the military leaders of our nation. I pointed out that this campaign began in this country with the Communist Party USA and its publication, The Worker. Among the articles placed in the Congressional Record on July 26 from The Worker was one dated June 4, 1961. This article constitutes a flagrant attack on our top military leadership. Among those named were Lt. Gen. Arthur Trudeau, Admiral Arleigh Burke and General Maxwell D. Taylor. Included in the attack were Mr. William C. Sullivan of the FBI and Mr. William Kirkpatrick, Jr., of the CIA."

Thurmond makes a long statement setting forth the facts mentioned and then deplores the censorship which has been instituted by the Defense Department especially against Gen. Taylor.

Apparently there IS a campaign to muzzle men from speaking out against Communism. There should be the fullest inquiry as to who is doing it, why it is being done and a recommendation for punishment for those who are playing the Commies' game.